

ELECTION

Applicant elects the Invention **Species B** as identified by the Examiner. This election is made without traverse.

REMARKS

1. General.

Claims 1 - 9 are pending in the application. The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 identifying two species of the invention claimed. The Examiner has further identified the claims deemed to fall with the scope of each of the species.

2. Response on Restriction Requirement.

Applicant has herewith elected Invention Species B for prosecution on the merits, directed to Claims 4 - 9, drawn to a method of managing information. This election is made without traverse.

The Examiner made a two way restriction on the application, separating the claim set into two discrete species of the claimed invention as set forth below:

- Species A: Claims 1 – 3 Database specific to employee benefits; and
- Species B: Claims 4 – 9 Method of managing information.

Applicant has elected Invention Species B directed to the method claims. It is further anticipated by the Applicant that the non-elected claims contained within this Application will be later pursued within divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an election herein under 35 U.S.C. §121 according to the invention species and claims identified by the Examiner. Should any impediments remain within the application, applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated phone number.

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